

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 09/780,681 Confirmation No.: 8254
Applicant : Thomas A. Kean
Filing Date : February 8, 2001
Title : Method for Using a Mask Programmed Key to Securely Configure a Field Programmable Gate Array
Group Art Unit : 2135
Examiner : Linh L.D. Son
Docket No. : 13271.2
Customer No. : 34313

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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ELECTION AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

1. Election

In response to the Office Action dated April 20, 2006, Applicant hereby elects to prosecute, without traverse, Claims 22-24, and 48-50, which are drawn to Message authentication, classified in class 713, subclass 170.

An action on the merits with regard to the elected claims is respectfully requested.

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2. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME:

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.136 apply. Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 [fees: 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(1)-(5)] for the total number of months checked below:

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<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$510.00	\$1,020.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$795.00	\$1,590.00
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Respectfully submitted,
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